

Capital Improvement Tax Renewal Stakeholder Committee Summary

April 27, 2017 Meeting

Committee Attendees: Tyler Adams, Greg Brown, Leslie Durgin, Barbara Gutmann, Davis Hart, Diane Jones, Deborah Malden, Chris Miller, Ann Moss, Manuela Sifuentes, Tara Winer

Public Attendees: Member of the Public: Robert Crifasi, Board President of Studio Arts Boulder; Kari Palazzari, Board Treasurer of Studio Arts Boulder; Judy Reid, Board President of Boulder Center of the Performing Arts; Margot Brauchli, Secretary of Boulder Center of the Performing Arts

Staff Attendees: Amanda Bevis, Yvette Bowden, Joe Castro, Susan Connelly, Maria Diaz, David Farnan, Jean Gatza, Jeff Haley, Alice Huang, Annie Noble, Jenna Pratt, Gerrit Slatter, Deryn Wagner, Joel Wagner, Sarah Wiebenson

Public Comment

Judy Reid, President of the Boulder Center for Performing Arts:

About 10 years ago, Margot and I started this project. You have received our application, and I want to make two points. First of all, during these 10 years, we have had both a needs assessment done and a financial feasibility study, both of which were done by a professional organization, and that does not show up in this application. The second thing is, indeed we want the money that would be generated by this tax, but we would also like the community buy in that this would affect. We certainly have community buy in from all of the performing arts groups, but the general public really doesn't know about this yet and we would like to have the sense that everyone in Boulder belongs to this project. We are happy to forward the needs assessment and financial feasibility to those who are interested.

Staff Presentations

All projects being presented do not have dedicated funds for 100 percent of the project cost. Within departments, projects are listed in priority order, except for items listed in the Civic Area section. Civic Area projects are distinct and can be funded independently of each other.

- Greenways/Transportation/Parks and Recreation: Fourmile Canyon Creek Greenways Improvements (\$8.5 million unfunded with \$6 million from Flood and Greenways) – includes 2 multi-use underpasses at Upland and Violet, a multi-use path connection, and Violet Park. These improvements would help with flood mitigation, access to Crestview, and replacing deficient transportation bridges.

- University Hill: Hill Commercial Lighting Replacement (\$222,250) – replace 35 poles that currently need custom-manufactured replacement parts. This would improve safety for users, as called out as a priority in the 2016 Public Perception Survey.
- University Hill: Hill Connector Alley (\$840,000) – link 2 separate areas to invite foot traffic, leverage 3 opportunity sites, and serve as a demonstration site for future alley improvements.
- Transportation: Kittredge Underpass (\$2 million) – Improve sight lines and widen the entrances and exits to improve safety on the west side. It is heavily used by South Boulder residents, as well as CU students. Crashes and accidents are prone to happening at the site.
- Transportation: Railroad Quiet Zone Implementation (\$1.5 million unfunded with \$1.3 million from other funding) – treatments include medians, 4 crossing gates, and raised pavement to improve quality of life as well as safety. Zones at 55th and 63rd will use the majority of funding.
- Transportation: HOP Fleet Electric Conversion (scalable – \$3million to \$8.25 million) – reduce greenhouse gas emissions and noise for the city’s flagship fleet. The existing fleet is already beyond its lifecycle and requires a higher level of maintenance.
- Transportation: Multi-Use Path Enhancements (scalable - \$500,000 to \$6 million requested) – continue to enhance the Boulder Transportation Network and multi-use paths that Boulder is known for. The minimum of half million would start with high priority areas.
- Transportation: Transit Stop Enhancements (scalable - \$750,000 to \$2.1 million) – from stops on Broadway, 28th, and Arapahoe to improve shelters, seating areas, bike sharing, ticket kiosks, and real time data.
- Transportation: US36 Multi-Use Path from 4-Mile Creek to Violet (scalable - \$2.85 million to \$4.2 million requested) – provide safer mobility between schools and parks in North Boulder and connect the remaining link of a continuous north-south transportation corridor.
- Transportation: Junction Place Bridge (\$3.2 million unfunded with \$750,000 from Transportation) – construct a bridge to connect 30th/Pearl to points south and west, enhancing transportation options for bikes and pedestrians.
- Parks and Recreation: Scott Carpenter Pool (\$6.2 million unfunded with \$8 million from the department) – this request is public-driven to provide community spaces, multi-generational leisure features, and additional park site upgrades. It is the only outdoor 50-meter pool in the area and currently in critical condition.
- Parks and Recreation: Boulder Reservoir South (\$7.6 million with \$4 million from the department) – this request is public-driven to provide regional path connectivity, community meeting space, enhanced patio, beach enhancements with pavilions, improved lifeguard/rescue station, and new docks.
- Parks and Recreation: Valmont City Park, Phase 2 (\$4.45 million with \$4 million from the department) – Valmont Park is the city’s next big development opportunity to provide a range of amenities and services (community gathering spaces, additional neighborhood paths, local food opportunities, and disc golf enhancements) to the community, including nearby mobile-home parks.
- Parks and Recreation: Boulder’s Recreation Centers and Indoor Pools (\$8.6 million with \$4.5 million from the department) – enhance rec centers, which are key to community wellness, to provide quality facilities and equipment.

- Parks and Recreation: Neighborhood and Community Park Enhancements (scalable - \$7 million to \$12 million) – provide new play areas, shelters, restrooms, and other visitor amenities to current parks. For example, providing ballfields and new courts to the Foothills Community Park.
- Parks and Recreation: Enhanced Neighborhood Park Access (\$7.2 million with \$500,000 from the department) to provide improved parks to Gunbarrel (Eaton Park) and North Boulder (Violet Park). Cost of Violet Park (\$2.4 million) is also reflected in the West Fourmile Canyon Creek project. This amount would come out if funded through the West Fourmile Canyon Creek project.
- Civic Area: East Bookend, Phase 2 (\$8 million) – key next step in continuing the momentum of the Civic Area transformation including completing the Central Park Renovation, 13th streetscape improvements to create a plaza-like space, provide public restrooms and visitor amenities within the Atrium, and enhance the irrigation ditch and path improvements (which would connect to the Boulder Slough). Phase 1 was funded by CCS.
- Civic Area/Transportation: Boulder Slough (\$1.4 million) – extend the multi-use path from 14th to 15th to provide an important connection from the Civic Area to the Goss/Grove neighborhood. Timing is favorable with the bridge replacement efforts.
- Civic Area/Transportation: Canyon Boulevard (scalable - \$7 million to \$15 million) – Integrate the Civic Area with Downtown to make it place for people, a priority of city leadership. Treatments include buffer bicycle lanes and other opportunities to improve mobility and connections.
- Civic Area/Facilities: Municipal Building Community Spaces (\$2.4 million) – provide community meeting spaces, all gender restrooms in 6600 ft² to help activate the Civic Area and increase civic engagement.
- Civic Area/Library: All Gender Bathrooms (\$650,000) – make the library more inclusive in line with Boulder’s sanctuary city status, as well as address necessary maintenance upgrades.
- Library: North Boulder Library (\$6 million unfunded with \$3 million from impact fees and development excise tax) – provide a library to North Boulder residents that have been requesting expanded services for years. North Boulder experienced the most change in the last 30 years, and now has the highest concentration of households with children and where another language besides English is spoken at home; the current 576 square foot North Boulder Corner Library received 45,000 visitors in 2016.

Wrap Up

A subcommittee (Davis, Manuela, Greg, Chris, Ann, and Debra) will discuss the process and methods to determine a recommended package based on guiding principles.

- The subcommittee will form a proposal and recommendation
- There may be different criteria for city and community projects. The broad impact of a portfolio of projects is more important than individual projects